Prices of vansaspati ghee

499. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: - Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUP-^PLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of Vanaspati ghee in various zones in January. 1986 and January, 1987;,

(b) the number of times the prices of Vanaspati ghee were allowed to be raised during the year 1986 and the extent of rise allowed each time;

(c) what were the reasons for which the prices were allowed to be raised; and

jC" (d) what measures Government propose to take to bring the prices f°f Vanaspati ghee down to a reasonable level and ensure its availability to the common people and also to check the rising trend in its prices?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER , OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) 1he prices of Vanaspati in major cities of different zones were under; —

Consumer Price Per 15kg. ten (in *Rs.)*

	North Delhi	South zone Madras	Bsat zone Calcutta	West Zone Bombay
Jan., 1986	262-265	298-305	284	286
Jan., 1987	338-345	348-365	348-365	360-265

(b) and (c) There is no control on the prices of Vanaspati. The increase in prices depends on a number of factors which *inter-alia* include availability of ' raw-material/imported oil and prices thereof. The increase in. prices was, therefore, a sequel to the reduction in percentage incorporation of imported oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati and in-

I crease in prices of indigenous permitted oils.

(d) Effective supply management of imported edible oUs has led to decline in the prices of Vanaspati. This will be continued. Checking of Vanaspati units has been intensified.

Allocation of edible oils to states

500. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased *to* state; -

(a) what is the quota of edible oils allotted to each State and Union Territory;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued to ensure proper distribution of edible oils to consumers through Public Distribution System; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the present prices of different edible oils, when these prices were raised by Government and the extent of price-rise made alongwith the reasons for the rise in prices; and

(d) whether it is proposed to supply edible oil in small packs to consumers; if so, what are the details in this regard?

. THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H, K. L. BHAGAT); (a) A statement indicating the allocation of imported edible oils to States | Union Territories under Public Distribuiion System, during oil year 1986-87 (November 1986 to February, 1987) is attached *(See* below).

(b) For distribution of these oils, instructions are issued by the Central Government from time to time to all States/ Union Territories regarding effective checking of leakage, regular supply to card holders etc.

(c) the imported edible oils are suppled' to States|Union Territories at a pre-deter. mined issue price. The issue prices of imported oils as on 24. 5. 84 and 15. 11. 85,